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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche points, conveying concerns about Bank Melli affiliate Assa Corp., to Mr. Shazryll Zahiran, Principal Assistant Secretary in the Malaysian Foreign Ministry's Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Division, on December 22. Shazryll did not provide any immediate feedback. Econoff also delivered reftel demarche points to Jeremy Lee, head of the financial intelligence unit at Bank Negara (the central bank), but did not receive any reply. We will report back any subsequent response.

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